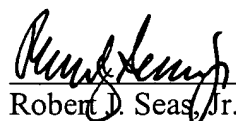


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REMARKS

Entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

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APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims are amended as follows:

4. The shelf as claimed in ~~any one of~~ claims 1-3, characterized in that it comprises two locking members, a rotatable friction body (24) being arranged between two engagement surfaces of each bracket (4).
5. The shelf as claimed in claim 3 ~~or~~ 4, characterized in that said friction body has a rectangular, preferably square, cross section, and in that, in the locking position, it is rotated in such a manner relative to the two engagement surfaces that the engagement with these increases as a consequence of an outwardly directed tensile force acting on the shelf.
6. The shelf as claimed in ~~any one of~~ claims 3-5, characterized in that the operating member intended for rotating said friction body consists of a spring-loaded operating rod arranged on the shelf, which rod, in the unactuated state, holds the friction body in a locking position under the action of the spring force and, when actuated counter to the action of the spring force, rotates the friction body into a free position.
7. The shelf as claimed in ~~any one of~~ claims 1-6, characterized in that said engagement surfaces are formed by the legs of a rail with a U-shaped profile arranged on at least on bracket of the shelf.
9. The shelf as claimed in ~~any one of~~ claims 1-6, characterized in that said engagement surfaces are formed by a lower horizontal flange of at least one bracket of the shelf and by a lower edge of a fixed guide rail which is borne by the bracket and in which the pull-out rail of the shelf runs.

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10. The shelf as claimed in ~~any one of~~ claims 4-9, characterized in that said friction bodies (24) consist of the end portion of a bar (22) extending between the brackets (4), in that the bar follows the displacement movements of the shelf, and in that the bar can be rotated by means of said operating member (18).

11. The shelf as claimed in ~~any one of~~ claims 1-10, characterized in that it comprises adjustable stop members (26) which are adapted so as to allow adjustment of the location of the inner position of the shelf.

13. The shelf as claimed in ~~any one of~~ claims 1-12, characterized in that the brackets (4) are interconnected by means of at least one transverse stay (13) which is easy to mount and allows to be assembled at the point of use.

14. The shelf as claimed in ~~any one of~~ claims 1-13, characterized in that those parts (3) of the brackets (4) which interact with slot-shaped holes in the rack uprights (1) are made with adjustment notches (5) so as to allow the shelf to be mounted at different angles relative to the rack uprights (1).

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